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See 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.27 and 1.28.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)

Complete if Known

Application Number 09/103,694
Filing Date 06/24/98
First Named Inventor Bolam
Examiner Name 3764
Group / Art Unit Demille, D.
Attorney Docket No. 3 8316-3B

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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check one)

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Deposit Account Name Kinetic Concepts, Inc

☒ Charge Any Additional Fee Required
Under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17

2. ☐ Payment Enclosed:

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity Fee Code (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------|
| 101 690 | 201 345 | Utility filing fee | 710.00 |
| 106 310 | 206 155 | Design filing fee | |
| 107 480 | 207 240 | Plant filing fee | |
| 108 690 | 208 345 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 114 150 | 214 75 | Provisional filing fee | |

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) 710.00

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

| Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|----------|
| 20** | | | |
| 3** | | | |
| Multiple Dependent | | | |

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see below

Large Entity Small Entity

| Large Entity Fee Code (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| 103 18 | 203 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 102 78 | 202 39 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 104 260 | 204 130 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 109 78 | 209 39 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 110 18 | 210 9 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$) -0-

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

| Large Entity Fee Code (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|----------|
| 105 130 | 205 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 127 50 | 227 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 139 130 | 139 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 147 2,520 | 147 2,520 | For filing a request for reexamination | |
| 112 920* | 112 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 113 1,840* | 113 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 115 110 | 215 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 116 380 | 216 190 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 117 870 | 217 435 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 118 1,360 | 218 680 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 128 1,850 | 228 925 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 119 300 | 219 150 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 120 300 | 220 150 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 121 260 | 221 130 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 138 1,510 | 138 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 140 110 | 240 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 141 1,210 | 241 605 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 142 1,210 | 242 605 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 143 430 | 243 215 | Design issue fee | |
| 144 580 | 244 290 | Plant issue fee | |
| 122 130 | 122 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 123 50 | 123 50 | Petitions related to provisional applications | |
| 126 240 | 126 240 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 581 40 | 581 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 146 690 | 246 345 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a)) | |
| 149 690 | 249 345 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b)) | |

Other fee (specify) _____

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| UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL <small>(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))</small> | Attorney Docket No. 8316-3B |  |
| | First Inventor or Application Identifier: Bolam | |
| | Title of Invention: GRADIENT SEQUENTIAL COMPRESSION SYSTEM FOR PREVENTING DEEP THROMBOSIS | |
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ADDRESS TO: ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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Transmitted herewith for filing in the United States Patent Office is a patent application for: GRADIENT SEQUENTIAL COMPRESSION SYSTEM FOR PREVENTING DEEP VEIN THROMBOSIS

Inventors: Kenneth Michael Bolam and James Arthur Borgen

1. ☒ The Filing Fee has been calculated as shown below:
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)

| | No. Filed | No. Extra | Small Entity Rate Fee | Large Entity Rate Fee |
|---|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| BASIC FEE | | | \$ 395 | \$ 790 |
| TOTAL CLAIMS: | 29- 20 = | | x 11 = \$ | x 22 = \$ 178 |
| INDEP CLAIMS: | 4- 3 = | | x 41 = \$ | x 82 = \$ 82 |
| [^C] MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED | | | +135 = \$ | +270 = \$ |
| *If the difference in Column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in Column 2. | | | TOTAL \$ | TOTAL \$1,070 |

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☐ The above filing fee will be paid along with Applicant(s) Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts.

2. ☒ Specification; Total Pages 49
3. ☒ 12 Sheets of Formal Drawing(s) (35 USC 113)
4. ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney; [Total Pages 3]
a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)
b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 16 completed)
i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) & 1.33(b).
5. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

6. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
a. ☐ Computer Readable Copy
b. ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

7. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s) (including \$40.00 fee)
8. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee); ☐ Power of Attorney
9. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
10. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449; ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
11. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
12. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
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 ☐ Statement filed in prior application; status still proper and desired.
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 ☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☒ Continuation in Part (CIP) 08/751,170; filed 11/15/96
 which was a Continuation In Part to S.N.: 08/233,429 filed April 5, 1994, U.S. Patent No. 5,575,762
 Prior Application Information: Examiner ☐ Group/Art. Unit: ☐
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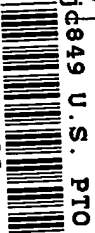
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First Named Inventor: Demille, D.
Attorney Docket No. 3 8316-3B

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Respectfully submitted

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